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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL TALKS

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1. SUMMARY: BILATERAL TALKS ON LAJES ENDED TODAY WITHOUT RESOLUTION. PORTDEL SAID EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT PERMIT ANY MOVE IN US DIRECTION BUT THAT US REPRESENTATIONS WOULD BE REPORTED TO GOP AND FINAL ANSWER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER SOME REPETITION OF MONDAY' S ARGUMENTATION PORTDEL SAID INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT PERMIT AGREEMENT ON US ACCESS TO LAJES. USDEL EXPRESSED GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THIS RESPONSE AND EMPHASIZED THAT USG RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS POINTING OUT UNFORTUNATE IMPLICATIONS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS IF

IMPASSE LED TO CONFRONTATION.

3. USDEL SAID USG WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME PRAGMATIC SOLUTION WHICH WOULD TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF TAP' S INTERESTS. PORTDEL EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN KIND OF SOLUTION US HAD IN MIND. USDEL OFFERED NO PARTICULAR SOLUTION BUT EXPLAINED THAT GENERAL CONCEPT WHICH MIGHT BE APPLIED WOULD BE DEVELOPMENTAL PERIOD.
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PORTDEL SAID THIS WOULD BE REFERRED TO GOP.

4. PORTDEL SUGGESTED THAT GOP REVIEW MIGHT RESULT IN FURTHER NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS. USDEL SAID THAT IF EXERCISE DRAWN OUT SOME INTERIM STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH EQUITY IN MARKET EITHER THROUGH SOME ACCESS FOR US CARRIERS OR CESSATION OF TAP SERVICE, BOTH WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FINAL SOLUTION. PORTDEL TOOK NOTE OF THIS SUGGESTION.

5. PORTDEL PROPOSED THAT MEMCON DE PREPARED IN WHICH RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW COULD BE PRESENTED. USDEL POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY OF PREPARING SUCH A PAPER SINCE STATEMENT OF POSITIONS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY STIMULATE RESPONSES AND COUNTER RESPONSES. FELT EACH SIDE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE OTHER'S POINT OF VIEW AND THESE COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS. NO MEMCON PREPARED.

6. IN SUMMING UP USDEL EXPRESSED GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT THAT US POSITION ON LAJES HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED DURING THE CONSULTATIONS AND EMPHASIZED OUR EXPECTATION THAT GOP WOULD GIVE FULL, PROMPT AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO US PROPOSALS. PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING SOME PRAGMATIC SOLUTION, IN ITS REVIEW.

7. PORTDEL SAID REPORT ON MEETING WOULD BE PREPARED IMMEDIATELY AND SENT TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT LEVELS. INTIMATED THAT THERE WAS SPLIT IN PORTDEL POSITION. (WE SUSPECT FONOFF SUPPORTS US).

8. RECOMMENDATION: SUGGEST WASHINGTON DRAFT FULL ARGUMENTATION ON LAJES, PARTICULARLY LEGAL ASPECTS, FOR POSSIBLE USE AS EMBASSY NOTE IN CASE GOP RESPONSE NOT SOON FORTHCOMING.

9. TWO DELS ALSO TOUCHED ON QUESTION EXTRA SECTIONS AND AGREED ON DESIRABILITY MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE ON EXTRA SECTIONS.

10. USDEL PROPOSED AND PORTDEL AGREED THAT PENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPOSURE FURTHER PROBLEMS WITH EXTRA SECTIONS GOP WOULD CONTINUE EXTEND LIBERAL TREATMENT US CHARTERS. USDEL SAID US CARRIERS WOULD BE ADVISED OF GOP CONCERNS. TWO SIDES AGREED DESIRABLE HAVE FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING SURVEILLANCE PERHAPS BETWEEN AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

11. BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AIR FARES ELICITED
SOME AGREEMENT ON IMPROVING YIELD AND SIMPLIFYING
FARE STRUCTURE. PORTDEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ANY
INFORMAL INTRA GOVERNMENTAL TALKS COULD BE HELD
ON MULTILATERAL BASIS. USDEL POINTED OUT ONLY LEGAL
DASIS IS BILATERAL AND DANGER LOWEST COMMON
DENOMINATOR EFFECT IN MULTILATERAL FORUM.
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